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SUBJECT: MINISTER ELI MATALON'S WASHINGTON VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 3770

1. FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF REFTEL PRIME MINISTER MANLEY TELEPHONED ME (SEPTEMBER 24) TO GIVE EMPHASIS TO GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO MATALON'S WASHINGTON VISIT.

2. STATING IT WAS AN "OFFICIAL CALL", MANLEY SAID HE HAD BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON ALL THE NUANCES OF MY SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH MATALON, CONCURRED WITH THEIR THRUST, AND ASSURED ME LATTER SPOKE FOR GOJ. HE SINCERELY HOPED MATALON'S WASHINGTON VISIT WOULD "CONTRIBUTE MATERIALLY TO FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S." ALSO "I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT STRAINS BETWEEN US BUT TALKS WITH YOU HAVE HELPED VERY MUCH IN REDUCING THEM AS DID SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT." MANLEY SAID HE HAD FORMED A HIGH OPINION OF YOU AS AN "INTERESTED, SYMPATHETIC, AND DIRECT INDIVIDUAL."

3. TURNING BACK TO MATALON'S VISIT, HE SAID IT WAS MORE THAN SIMPLY "TECHNICAL" AND HE HOPED VERY MUCH IT COULD HELP ELIMINATE ANY REMAINING STRAINS IN US/GOJ RELATIONSHIPS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WISHED TO MAKE  
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IT "ABSOLUTELY CLEAR" THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE

THE MATTER OF JAMAICA'S NEED FOR LONG TERM CONCESSIONAL CREDIT ON VITAL IMPORTS AND ACCESS (TO INTELLIGENCE) ON BOTH SIDES WERE UNRELATED SUBJECTS, NVERTHELESS, IT WAS POSSIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO HIM THAT A LINKAGE BE MADE BETWEEN THEM. IN ANY CASE, MATALON WOULD BE DISCUSSING "BOTH" SUBJECTS.

4. FINALLY, HE COMMENTED HE WAS "VERY PLEASED" WITH OUTCOME OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. HE FELT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, INDEED, AND THAT A GREAT EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE BY THE US, THOUGH MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. HE, FOR ONE, FELT MUCH BETTER ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD.

5. COMMENT: THOUGH NEITHER MATALON NOR MANLEY HAVE EXPRESSLY STATED CONCERN OVER FACT YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING MATALON'S VISIT, I AM SURE THERE IS SOME UNHAPPINESS. MANLEY IN HIS OWN INDIRECT WAY MADE THIS POINT WITH HIS, I BELIEVE, SINCERE REMARKS REGARDING YOU. I KNOW YOUR SCHEDULE IS TIGHT, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD FIND SOME WAY TO SEE MATALON, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES BETWEEN THURSDAY AND SUNDAY. I GATHER YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY. THE STAKES IN THIS GAME APPEAR TO BE VERY HIGH AND THE EFFORT COULD BE WELL REWARDED.

6. GIVEN PRIOR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEYER MATALON (MINISTER MATALON'S BROTHER) AND LARRY EAGLEBURGER, AND MEYER'S INVOLVEMENT IN ALL OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN ELI'S WASHINGTON MISSION, YOU ALSO MAY WISH TO CALL TO LARRY'S ATTENTION THIS MESSAGE AND PREVIOUS TRAFFIC.

7. WHILE THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF ELI'S VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS WITH NEW JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR RATTRAY HOW TO PRESENT THE ECONOMIC PACKAGE, IT HAS PERHAPS NOW BEEN ELEVATED TO A "SOUNDING" EXPEDITION TO TAKE A READING ON U.S. RECEPTIVITY TO SOME SORT OF NEW RELATIONSHIP. ELI IS NOT THE MAN WITH WHOM, NOR IS HE

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PREPARED, TO DO ANY SERIOUS NEGOTIATING, BUT HE IS SENSITIVE AND HAS TOLD ME HE WANTS SIMPLY TO FIND OUT IF WE WOULD BE WILLING TO LEND AN EAR AND ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

8. I AM, HOWEVER, DISTURBED BY DUDLEY THOMPSON'S APPARENT DIATRIBE IN UN (USUN 4443) WHICH DOES NOT TRACK WITH WHAT HE SAID WHEN YOU WERE HERE NOR WITH

PM'S APPARENT WISH FOR DETENTE.

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